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POLITICAL LOCATION	DESCRIPTIVE NAME OF REPORT
SZG	US, BRITISH and FRENCH Deserters in SZG

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			FROM May 45 TO May 53

I. PREAMBLE: SOURCE lived in BAUTZEN (51.11N-14.26E) from May 1945 to May 1953. During this period he worked as a clerk in a chemical plant in this town. SOURCE gained his information through observation and hearsay.

II. US, BRITISH AND FRENCH DESERTERS IN SZG

In the hotel "KRONE" (Point 12), Inclosure # 1, report A)which was a Kommunalwirtschaftsunternehmen (KWU) (Communal Economic Enterprise) about 18-22, US, BRITISH and FRENCH deserters were housed in this city. This hotel was kept and controlled by municipal agencies since about 1948. SOURCE was unable to state when the first of these deserters had arrived in this city and had been accommodated in this hotel. SOURCE heard from a number of fellow citizens, among them also officials of the municipality that this hotel represented the only deserter collecting point for members of the army within the SZG. This figure given by SOURCE included also two negro soldiers of the US army. SOURCE was unable to provide any information about the reasons for their desertion and how or where they had crossed from western GERMANY or BERLIN (52.30N-13.20E) into the SZG. SOURCE estimated that these deserters were kept in this hotel since about 1947. Each of them occupied his own room within this hotel, they wore civilian clothes, which, allegedly, they had been given by the municipality of this city and they were fed by agencies of the municipality. SOURCE stated that these deserters were permitted to move freely and in several cases they had contact with the local population of this city, however, SOURCE had no contact with any of those persons. SOURCE heard from several citizens that these deserters were permitted to receive mail from their countries. SOURCE stated that these people were not obliged to work in the SZG but that they were completely supported by the German authorities. SOURCE was unable to state which administrative agency of the city, whether the State Security service or the Russian authorities, had the task to control or supervise these deserters. Nor was SOURCE able to provide any information about the plans of the SZG or the Russian authorities with these people.

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